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1. In January 1955 a total of 80,246,064 kg of various goods were transported in 4,312 freight cars through the Czechoslovak- border stations Devinska Nova Ves (Pl9/X89) - Marchegg (Pl9/S70) in both directions. Of this quantity 69,815,400 kg in 3,598 carloads and 21 various containers went from Marchegg to Devinska Nova Ves, and 10,430,664 kg in 714 carloads and 44 containers went in the opposite direction.

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The following goods were involved:

A. Metals	499,990 kg in	27 carloads
B. Metal goods	1,392,905 kg in	80 carloads & 19 cases
C. Chemicals	1,772,217 kg in	139 carloads
D. Liquid & solid fuels	66,568,530 kg in	3,395 carloads
E. Textiles	280,362 kg in	44 carloads
F. Foodstuffs	6,555,723 kg in	423 carloads
G. Lumber	2,224,752 kg in	127 carloads
H. Other items	951,585 kg in	77 carloads & 46 boxes
Total	80,246,064 kg in	4,312 carloads & 65 various containers

Apart from this, 1,688 empty tankers went through the two border stations, 1,663 from Poland and Czechoslovakia for refilling, and 25 in the opposite direction (mostly to Poland for repair).

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2. Shipments in the direction Marchegg - Devinska Nova Ves during January 1955 went to the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	499,990	27	-	-	-	-	499,990	27
B.	3,908	1	69,974	4	-	-	1,325,554	76
C.	115,600	8	234,500	14	1,251,672	71	413,600	27
D.	20,239,430	1,207	46,114,100	2,176	63,500	5	66,353,530	3,383
E.	40,753	4	-	-	81,120	13	121,873	17
F.	419,960	27	-	-	507,560	25	927,520	52
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	14,585	2	27,149	3	121,622	9	163,356	14
Total	21,334,226	1,276	46,445,723	2,197	2,025,474	123	69,805,423	3,596

In addition there were two carloads (9,977 kg) of synthetic fibres to Bulgaria bringing the total of "textiles" to 131,850 kg in 19 carloads, and the grand total to 69,815,400 kg in 3,598 carloads.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	499,990	27	-	-	-	-	499,990	27
B.	1,251,822	71	69,974	4	-	-	1,325,554	76
C.	63,500	5	350,100	22	3,758	1	413,600	27
D.	66,353,530	3,383	-	-	-	-	66,353,530	3,383
E.	70,637	13	40,753	4	20,460	2	131,850	19
F.	-	-	419,960	27	507,560	25	927,520	52
G.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
H.	492	-	90,169	8	72,695	6	163,356	14
Total	68,239,971	3,499	970,956	65	604,473	34	69,815,400	3,598

(Abbreviations:

BU - Bulgaria

JU - Yugoslavia

CSR - Czechoslovakia

cld(s) - carload(s)

DNV - Devinska Nova Ves)

3. Imports to the CSR via Marchegg - DNV in January 1955 were composed of:

- a. Metals (zinc ore in bars) 499,990 kg  
in 27 clds to Ilava (Pl49/T69)
- b. Metal goods 3,908 kg  
in one cld and two cases
- (1) Ironware (unspecified) 3,758 kg  
in one cld to Cierna nad Tisou (R49/E90)
- (2) Suspension springs (Tragfedern) 150 kg  
in two cases to Trnava (Pl49/T22)
- c. Chemicals 115,600 kg  
in eight clds
- (1) Cryolite 105,000 kg  
in seven clds to Sv. Kriz nad Hronom (Q50/071)
- (2) Chromic acid 10,600 kg  
in one cld to Povazska Bystrica (Q50/071)

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- d. Liquid fuels (crude oil)<sup>1</sup> 20,239,430 kg 25X1  
in 1,207 tankers to DNV
- e. Textiles (raw cotton) 40,753 kg 25X1  
in four clds to Rybarkpole (Q50/C99)
- f. Foodstuffs 419,960 kg 25X1  
in 27 clds
- (1) Wine 266,059 kg  
in 16 clds to various stations in Slovakia
- (2) Rice 120,720 kg  
in eight clds to Bratislava & Trnava
- (3) Plum jam 33,181 kg  
in three clds to Bratislava
- g. Other items 14,585 kg 25X1  
in two clds & five boxes
- (1) Empty (used) sacks 11,073 kg 25X1  
in one cld to Bratislava
- (2) Empty (used) barrels 3,020 kg 25X1  
in one cld to DNV
- (3) Collective consignments 492 kg  
in five boxes to Bratislava

## 4. The goods consigned to Poland consisted of:

- a. Liquid fuels 46,114,100 kg 25X1  
in 2,176 tankers
- (1) Crude oil 20,549,150 kg 25X1  
in 1,083 tankers  
to: Trzebinia 16,591,600 kg in 869 tankers  
Jedlice 3,957,550 kg in 214 tankers
- (2) Gasoline 11,238,160 kg 25X1  
in 464 tankers  
to: Slawecice 4,269,730 kg in 166 tankers  
Limanowa 3,948,050 kg in 168 tankers  
Czechowice 1,482,530 kg in 60 tankers  
Zagorzany 963,890 kg in 48 tankers  
Zurawica 573,960 kg in 22 tankers
- (3) Gas oil 11,043,870 kg 25X1  
in 487 tankers  
to: Kozle 3,794,100 kg in 170 tankers  
Nowa Sol 2,171,160 kg in 94 tankers  
Szczecin 1,624,720 kg in 67 tankers  
Ustrzyki Dolne 1,483,690 kg in 67 tankers  
Wroclaw 912,720 kg in 37 tankers  
Gdansk 527,860 kg in 25 tankers  
Gdynia 509,460 kg in 26 tankers  
Czechowice 20,160 kg in 1 tanker
- (4) Petroleum 3,282,920 kg 25X1  
in 142 tankers

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- b. Chemicals  
in 14 clds [ ] which contained: 234,500 kg 25X1

sulphur 200,000 kg in 10 clds  
chestnutwood extract 30,000 kg in 3 clds  
tannic extracts 4,500 kg in 1 cld

- c. Metal goods  
in four clds & 14 cases [ ] which contained: 69,974 kg 25X1

auto wheels (without tires) 57,288 kg in 3 clds  
auto spare parts 7,978 kg in 1 cld  
compressors 1,980 kg in 4 cases  
steam boilers 1,430 kg in 2 crates  
safety valves 737 kg in 6 cases  
machines (unspecified) 561 kg in 2 crates

- d. Other items (collective consignments)  
in three clds [ ] 27,149 kg 25X1

5. The goods consigned to Hungary consisted of:

- a. Metal goods  
in 71 clds [ ] which contained: 1,251,672 kg 25X1

rolled iron sheets 572,514 kg in 35 clds  
steel wire 440,210 kg in 23 clds  
"platinen" (sic) 100,340 kg in 5 clds  
band steel (Bandstahl) 60,390 kg in 3 clds  
steel rods 36,120 kg in 2 clds  
semi-finished iron goods 21,150 kg in 1 cld  
machines (unspecified) 20,948 kg in 2 clds

- b. Foodstuffs (wheaten flour)<sup>2</sup>  
in 25 clds [ ] 507,560 kg 25X1

- c. Other items  
in nine clds [ ] which contained: 121,622 kg 25X1

raffia bast 61,622 kg in 5 clds [ ] 25X1  
"baltacinsamen" (sic) 60,000 kg in 4 clds [ ]

- d. Textiles  
in 13 clds [ ] which contained: 81,120 kg 25X1

synthetic fibres 60,660 kg in 11 clds [ ] 25X1  
rags 20,460 kg in 2 clds [ ]

- e. Chemicals (acetic acid)  
in five clds [ ] 63,500 kg 25X1

6. The only item consigned to Bulgaria (Vac) via Marchegg - DNV were two  
clds (9,977 kg) of synthetic fibres [ ] 25X1

7. Shipments in the direction DNV - Marchegg during January 1955 went to the  
following countries in the following quantities:

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	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	Total:	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	12,351	2	-	-	-	-	12,351	2	-
C.	539,790	41	187,807	19	631,020	52	1,358,617	112	-
D.	215,000	12	-	-	-	-	215,000	12	-
E.	88,610	15	-	-	17,682	1	106,292	16	-
F.	4,893,183	322	615,020	41	120,000	8	5,628,203	371	-
G.	-	-	1,572,672	90	652,080	37	2,224,752	127	-
H.	72,780	5	22,506	2	413,093	41	508,379	48	-
Total	5,821,714	397	2,398,005	152	1,833,875	139	10,053,594	688	-

In addition there were 15 clds (279,850 kg) of china clay to JU bringing the total of "other items" (H) to 788,229 kg in 63 clds; nine clds (42,220 kg) of oakum waste [ ] bringing the total of "textiles" [ ] to 148,512 kg in 25 clds; and two clds (55,000 kg) of molded steel to JU bringing the total of "metal goods" (B) to 67,351 kg in four clds, and the grand total to 10,430,664 kg in 714 clds.

These goods came from the following countries in the following quantities:

	Czechoslovakia:		Poland:		Hungary:		Total:	
	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars	kg	cars
A.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B.	67,351	4	-	-	-	-	67,351	4
C.	1,358,617	112	-	-	-	-	1,358,617	112
D.	215,000	12	-	-	-	-	215,000	12
E.	130,830	24	-	-	17,682	1	148,512	25
F.	5,628,203	371	-	-	-	-	5,628,203	371
G.	2,224,752	127	-	-	-	-	2,224,752	127
H.	689,405	46	-	-	98,824	17	788,229	63
Total	10,314,158	696	-	-	116,506	18	10,430,664	714

8. Exports from the CSR via DNV - Marchegg were composed of:

a. Metal goods  
in four clds [ ] 2 JU) & three cases [ ] 67,351 kg

(1) Molded steel  
in two clds from Podbrezova (Q49/D06) to JU 55,000 kg

(2) Commercial food freezers (chladirenske pulty)  
in one cld from Beroun (N50/L57) [ ] 7,951 kg

(3) Steel pipes  
in one cld from Podbrezova [ ] 4,140 kg

(4) Suspension springs  
in three cases from Trnava [ ] 260 kg

b. Chemicals  
in 112 clds [ ] 1,358,617 kg

(1) Charcoal  
in 75 clds from Hnusta (Q49/D33) & DNV 785,610 kg  
[ ] 421,100 kg in 39 clds  
[ ] 184,510 kg in 18 clds  
[ ] 180,000 kg in 18 clds

(2) Carbide  
in 16 clds from DNV & Novaky (Q49/T97) [ ] 241,290 kg

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(3) <u>Cellulose</u> in seven clds from Martin (Q50/C69)	<input type="text"/>	109,920 kg	25X1
(4) <u>Bleaching lye</u> in six clds from Bratislava	<input type="text"/>	100,000 kg	25X1
(5) <u>Ground feldspar</u> in four clds from DNV	<input type="text"/>	63,400 kg	
(6) <u>Sulphuric acid</u> in three clds from DNV	<input type="text"/>	50,590 kg	25X1
(7) <u>Lactic acid</u> in one cld from Sered (Pl9/T31)	<input type="text"/>	7,807 kg	25X1
c. <u>Solid fuels</u> in 12 clds	<input type="text"/>	215,000 kg	25X1
(1) <u>Hard coal</u> in seven clds from the Ostrava coal basin		162,900 kg	
(2) <u>Pitch coke</u> in five clds from Sokolany (R49/E22)		52,100 kg	
d. <u>Textiles</u> in 24 clds	<input type="text"/>	130,830 kg	25X1
(1) <u>Flax</u> in 11 clds from DNV	<input type="text"/>	61,160 kg	25X1
(2) <u>Oakum waste (odpadky koudele)</u> in nine clds from DNV	<input type="text"/>	42,220 kg	25X1
(3) <u>Flaxen oakum</u> in two clds from DNV	<input type="text"/>	14,000 kg	25X1
(4) <u>Flaxen waste (lnene odpadky)</u> in one cld from DNV	<input type="text"/>	8,880 kg	25X1
(5) <u>Fibre waste (odpadky vlaken)</u> in one cld from DNV	<input type="text"/>	4,570 kg	25X1
e. <u>Foodstuffs</u> in 371 clds	<input type="text"/>	5,628,203 kg	25X1
(1) <u>Rye</u> in 257 clds from various stations in the CSR	<input type="text"/>	3,897,443 kg	25X1
(2) <u>Maize</u> in 53 clds from various stations in Slovakia	<input type="text"/>	869,080 kg	
		622,000 kg in 39 clds	25X1
		247,080 kg in 14 clds	
(3) <u>Barley</u> in 23 clds from Slovakia	<input type="text"/>	358,164 kg	
to:		238,164 kg in 15 clds	25X1
		120,000 kg in 8 clds	
(4) <u>Wheat</u> in 11 clds from Slovakia	<input type="text"/>	165,120 kg	25X1

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(5) <u>Malt sprouts</u> in 11 clds from DNV	128,020 kg	25X1
	74,140 kg in 7 clds 53,880 kg in 4 clds	
(6) <u>Cottonseed oil</u> in six clds from DNV	89,980 kg	25X1
(7) <u>Chicory root</u> in six clds from DNV	83,660 kg	25X1
	61,200 kg in 4 clds 22,460 kg in 2 clds	
(8) <u>Sunflower seeds</u> in two clds from Calovo (Pl8/Y46)	30,526 kg	25X1
(9) <u>Red pepper (paprika)</u> in one cld from Nove Zamky (Pl8/Y78)	3,560 kg	25X1
(10) <u>Dried egg yolks</u> in one cld from Rimavska Sobota (Q49/D31)	2,650 kg	25X1
f. <u>Lumber</u> in 127 clds	2,224,752 kg	25X1
(1) <u>Tree trunks and logs</u> in 88 clds from Slovakia	1,580,910 kg	25X1
	1,273,050 kg in 71 clds 307,860 kg in 17 clds	
(2) <u>Cut lumber</u> in 20 clds from Slovakia	331,210 kg	25X1
	193,720 kg in 12 clds 137,490 kg in 8 clds	
(3) <u>Hardboard sheets</u> in 10 clds from Banska Bystrica (Q49/C76)	175,160 kg	25X1
(4) <u>RR sleepers</u> in six clds from DNV	93,900 kg	25X1
(5) <u>Sets of wooden crates</u> in two clds from Leopoldov (Pl9/T33)	31,570 kg	25X1
(6) <u>Beech-wood friezes (bukove vlysy)</u> in one cld from DNV	12,002 kg	25X1 25X1
g. <u>Other items</u> in 46 clds ( 15 JU; & 41 boxes	689,405 kg	25X1 25X1
(1) <u>China clay (kaolin)</u> in 15 clds from Nove Sedlo (N51/P59) & Mnichov (N51/P59) to JU (Novi Dvori)	279,850 kg	
(2) <u>Sheet glass</u> in 12 clds from DNV	197,030 kg	25X1
(3) <u>Newsprint</u> in six clds from Ruzomberok (Q50/C99) & Bratislava	80,248 kg	25X1
(4) <u>Vetch seeds</u> in two clds from DNV	40,000 kg	25X1

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| (5) <u>Millet seeds</u><br>in two clds from DNV                          | [ ] | 30,000 kg |      |
| (6) <u>Millet straw</u><br>in four clds from DNV                         | [ ] | 23,590 kg | 25X1 |
| (7) <u>Fodder</u><br>in one cld from DNV                                 | [ ] | 15,230 kg | 25X1 |
| (8) <u>Hollow glassware</u><br>in two clds from Lednicke Rovne (P50/060) | [ ] | 9,773 kg  | 25X1 |
| (9) <u>Hair &amp; bristles</u> (chłpy a stětiny)<br>in one cld from DNV  | [ ] | 7,259 kg  |      |
| (10) <u>Dried mushrooms</u><br>in one cld from DNV                       | [ ] | 2,780 kg  | 25X1 |
| (11) <u>Rubber products</u> (unspecified)<br>in 28 boxes from Bratislava | [ ] | 2,610 kg  | 25X1 |
| (12) <u>Dried bladders</u> (susene mechvra)<br>in 12 boxes from DNV      | [ ] | 1,018 kg  | 25X1 |
| (13) <u>Chive seeds</u><br>in one box from Bratislava                    | [ ] | 17 kg     | 25X1 |

9. Shipments from Hungary via DNV - Marchegg consisted of:

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| a. <u>Other items</u> (millet straw)<br>in 17 clds | [ ] | 98,824 kg | 25X1 |
| b. <u>Textiles</u> (cotton fabrics)<br>in one cld  | [ ] | 17,682 kg | 25X1 |

10. Apart from empty tankcars there were no shipments from Poland during January 1955 via DNV - Marchegg.

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| 1. [ ] <u>Comment.</u> In January 1955, a large quantity of crude oil from the Austrian oilfields was consigned for the first time to the CSR. Previously the bulk of the oil shipments always went to Poland and, very likely, via Poland to the USSR. It is possible that the oil consigned to Devinska Nova Ves is directed from there to the USSR via Slovakia, or sent for processing to the oil-refineries near Bratislava. If the latter assumption were correct, it might indicate a new policy in oil distribution within the Soviet orbit. |  | 25X1 |
| 2. [ ] <u>Comment.</u> The 25 carloads of wheaten flour transported in January 1955 [ ] to Hungary probably represent the first instalment of the US flood relief to the Iron Curtain countries.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | 25X1 |

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